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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIONS ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA FOR
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1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN BAKER AND CAR COUNTRY
DIRECTOR MET WITH GUYANESE AMBASSADOR MANN JULY 21 TO
DISCUSS IMPORTANT ISSUES BEFORE NAM AND UPCOMING UNGA.

2. PUERTO RICO. REFERRING TO PRESIDENT'S JUNE 26 PUERTO
RICO ARRIVAL STATEMENT, BAKER OUTLINED U.S. POSITION ON
PUERTO RICO, EXPRESSING THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS
ISSUE. BAKER NOTED THAT CUBAN CAMPAIGN SEEKS TO USE NAM
SPRINGBOARD AND URGED THAT GUYANA ATTEMPT TO MODERATE
NAM POSITION ON PUERTO RICO. BAKER UNDERSCORED U.S.
STRONG FEELING THAT THIS IS AN INTERNAL ISSUE, AND THAT
THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE HAVE EXERCISED SELF-DETERMINATION
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AND CAN EXERCISE IT AGAIN IN FUTURE IF THEY SO CHOOSE.

3. IN HIS RESPONSE, MANN REFERRED TO HIS OWN RECENT
VISIT TO PUERTO RICO, CONFIRMING HIS CONCLUSION THAT

THERE IS VERY LITTLE SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE IN PUERTO RICO. HE ALSO NOTED THAT PSP MAKES NO SECRET OF ITS CUBAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

4. MANN SAID THAT GUYANA WILL "MAINTAIN OUR POSITION -- WE WILL NOT ASSIST THE CUBAN CAMPAIGN". HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF GUYANA WERE TO "INTERVENE ACTIVELY ON PUERTO RICO AT COLOMBO". LATER MANN SAID FLATLY "WE WON'T BE ACTIVE ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AT COLOMBO".

5. MANN SUGGESTED THAT A GOOD TACTIC IN THE UN WOULD BE TO SAY THAT THOSE FAVORING INDEPENDENCE SHOULD WAIT FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE NEXT ELECTION. NOTING THAT THERE ARE TWO PARTIES COMPETING WHICH FAVOR INDEPENDENCE, MANN SAID THAT HE IS SURE THE INDEPENDENCE PARTIES WILL DO POORLY, AND THE ELECTIONS WILL SERVE TO REFUTE OUR OPPONENTS.

6. KOREA. BAKER ALSO OUTLINED U.S. POSITION ON KOREA, EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR AN IMPETUS TOWARD CONCILIATION AND NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN NORTH KOREAN CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH. HE SAID THAT THE NAM SHOULD URGE A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

7. AMBASSADOR MANN SAID THAT HE THINKS THE NAM WILL IN FACT FAVOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, AND GUYANA WILL SUPPORT SUCH A POSITION. HE OBSERVED THAT "WE HAVE NO IRONS IN THAT FIRE, AND NORTH KOREA NEEDS TO BE NUDGED TOWARD REALITY". WHEN REMINDED OF FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS' EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL ON KOREA, MANN SUGGESTED THAT CHARGE RAISE THE ISSUE WITH WILLS AGAIN. HE SAID THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD TELEPHONE WILLS AND CONVEY OUR CONCERNS, AS WELL AS SENDING WRITTEN REPORT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH US. BAKER SUGGESTED THAT IF WILLS TALKS WITH ASEAN STATES, WE BELIEVE THEY WILL BE HELPFUL IN NAM ON KOREAN ISSUE -- AND GUYANA NEED NOT FEAR IT WILL BE ISOLATED IF IT URGES CONCILIATORY ACTIONS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

8. IN CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, EMBASSY SHOULD REFER TO ABOVE CONVERSATION WITH MANNWILLS' EARLIER FORTHCOMING COMMENTS ON KOREAN ISSUE, AND MANN'S FINDINGS IN PUERTO RICO. YOU SHOULD ALSO COMMENT THAT THE NATURE OF

THE PUERTO RICAN AND KOREAN PROPOSALS ARE SUCH THAT SILENCE ON GUYANA'S PART WILL BE UNDERSTOOD, AT COLOMBO AND ELSEWHERE, AS TANTAMOUNT TO ACQUIESCENCE. ROBINSON

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